

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The University of Illinois Act is amended by
5 changing Section 9 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/9) (from Ch. 144, par. 30)

7 Sec. 9. Scholarships for children of veterans. For each of
8 the following periods of hostilities, each county shall be
9 entitled, annually, to one honorary scholarship in the
10 University, for the benefit of the children of persons who
11 served in the armed forces of the United States: the Civil War,
12 World War I, any time between September 16, 1940 and the
13 termination of World War II, any time during the national
14 emergency between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955, any time
15 during the Viet Nam conflict between January 1, 1961 and May 7,
16 1975, any time during the siege of Beirut between June 14, 1982
17 and February 26, 1984, any time during the Grenada Conflict
18 between October 25, 1983 and December 15, 1983, or any time on
19 or after August 2, 1990 and until Congress or the President
20 orders that persons in service are no longer eligible for the
21 Southwest Asia Service Medal, Operation Enduring Freedom, and
22 Operation Iraqi Freedom. If an honorary scholarship is not
23 awarded for a given period of hostilities because there are no

1 qualified applicants, then the county may award the scholarship
2 for another one of the listed periods of hostilities, in which
3 case there may be more than one scholarship awarded for the
4 same period of hostilities. Preference for scholarships shall
5 be given to the children of persons who are deceased or
6 disabled. Such scholarships shall be granted to such pupils as
7 shall, upon public examination, conducted as the board of
8 trustees of the University may determine, be decided to have
9 attained the greatest proficiency in the branches of learning
10 usually taught in the secondary schools, and who shall be of
11 good moral character, and not less than 15 years of age. Such
12 pupils, so selected, shall be entitled to receive, without
13 charge for tuition, instruction in any or all departments of
14 the University for a term of at least 4 consecutive years. Such
15 pupils shall conform, in all respects, to the rules and
16 regulations of the University, established for the government
17 of the pupils in attendance.

18 (Source: P.A. 95-64, eff. 1-1-08.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
20 2013.